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GENERAL

1. In 1945 Dr. BRUNS was employed by the Soviet Zone government and given the assignment of organizing a Hydrographic Institute. The Institute was integrated into the General Management, Shipping Department, under BRUN's leadership, and given the task of handling and formulating the following: sea survey; methods of charting; special problems connected with hydrography; notices to mariners; etc.
2. In about the fall of 1951, this organization was transferred to the Seepolizei, and all personnel put into uniform. The Office of the Hydrographic Institute was moved to Berlin-Oberschoeneweide, in the Seepolizei headquarters. Branches were established in Stralsund, Rostock, and Wismar. Cooperation between the Hydrographic Institute of the Seepolizei and the Soviet Navy is very close. I believe that Dr. BRUNS remains so closely connected with the Soviets because he has numerous relatives still living in the vicinity of Leningrad. Today the Institute also serves as Fachkommission No. 6 (Special Commission No. 6), in the Ministry of Interior.

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RESEARCH

3. New, imposing testing installations have been built near Potsdam. At present the most favorable mole design for improvement and enlargement in Warnemuende is under study in a large outdoor model (100x60m.). These tests will be completed in April 1953. From May until October 1953, this installation, which is complete with all technical equipment, such as wave machines, etc., will be used to investigate and mark out the most favorable location for the mole heads in the Ruegenhafen outer harbor.
4. At the request of the Seepolizei, a model of the entire Ruegen Island and adjoining coastal area was built in Potsdam to determine whether the steady sand infiltration in the Gellen channel could be collected; in other words, improvement of the northwest channel to Stralsund. The result of the test showed that it was impossible to avoid constant dredging and, therefore, a large scale enlargement of the Stralsund Harbor was no longer considered. Large canal models were built in order to determine the best hull shape of vessels used on the inland waterways.

HYDROGRAPHIC VESSELS

5. There were two regular fishing cutters (30 t.) and one fishing lugger (200 t.) equipped as surveying and training vessels.

CHARTS

6. The Institute printed two classes of color charts. One, classified for official use (Seepolizei), was very detailed and accurate. The other was a crude general chart for fishermen, pilots, etc., with only essential depth measurements.

PERSONALITIES

7. Dr. BRUNS [redacted] an internationally known expert in the fields of oceanology and hydrography. [redacted]

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Since he is scheduled to become director of a naval school near Pasewalk when he returns to work, his position as director of the institute has been given to someone else.

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8. ZSCHIESCHE, [redacted] Director of the Institute for Soil and Hydrography in the General Direction - Shipping of the Ministry of Transport in Berlin-Baumschulenweg. He worked under Dr. KREY in the Hydrographic Testing Bureau in 1920.
9. Professor OHDE is head of the Department for Soil Testing and also Professor of Soil Science at the Institute of Technology in Dresden.
10. "Kommandeur" SCHEIB, now a lieutenant commander in the Seapolizei and representative of Dr. BRUNS . [redacted]

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